PROCLAMATION

BY THE

Governor of the State of Texas

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14, of the Texas Constitution, I, George W. Bush, Governor of Texas, do hereby disapprove and veto House Bill No. 1453 because of the following objections:

House Bill No. 1453 allows the Texas Commission on Human Rights to require the Attorney General to file discrimination suits against private employers even when the Attorney General believes the suit is frivolous. If the Attorney General declines to sue, the Commission could hire outside counsel and proceed on its own. Employers can already be sued for employment discrimination by private claimants and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. Current law also permits the Attorney General to bring such suits.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name officially and caused the Seal of the State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this 20th day of June, 1997.

George V. Fush Governor o Texas